

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please change the title on page 1 to -- Method Of Preparing Metal Oxide Layers --.

Please insert before the first paragraph of the application with the following:

--This application is a national phase application of PCT Application No. PCT/FR2004/050278 filed on June 17, 2004, which claims the benefit of French Patent Application No. 03/50233 filed on June 19, 2003, which are both hereby incorporated by reference.--